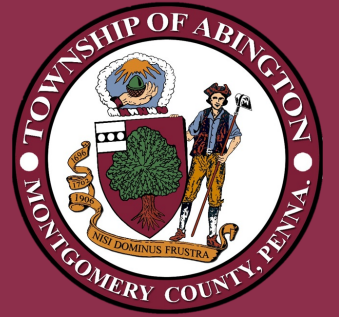


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INPUT NEEDED ON SURVEY AND INTERACTIVE MAPS FOR ABINGTON'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Please provide your input **on challenges and opportunities for transportation** in Abington Township by taking a quick survey and participating in two web-maps! Developed by the Vision2035: Abington Comprehensive Plan Development Team and Montgomery County Planning Commission, the survey and maps should take no more than a few minutes. The information you provide is valuable and will be used to help prepare the transportation chapter of Vision2035, Abington's Comprehensive Plan.

Please share this survey and maps with other Abington residents and people who work in, or visit, the Township. **The deadline for providing your input is the end of the day on Monday, September 6th.** Thank you very much for your time and providing your opinions.

- **Transportation Survey:** [Click here to take the survey.](#)
- **Interactive Maps:**
 - Where do you Live?: [Click here to view the map.](#)
 - Identify Location Most in Need of Transportation Improvement: [Click here to view the map.](#)

To learn more about Abington Township's Comprehensive Plan, meeting dates, and how you can participate, [please click here.](#)

AUGUST MEETINGS

- 8/4 Human Relations Commission,
CANCELLED
- 8/10 Shade Tree Commission,
7:30 PM
- 8/11 Environmental Advisory Council,
7:30 PM
- 8/12 Board of Commissioners,
6:30 PM
- 8/12 Committee of the Whole,
7 PM
- 8/16 Fire Board,
7:30 PM
- 8/17 Comprehensive Plan
Development Team,
6 PM
- 8/17 Zoning Hearing Board,
7 PM
- 8/19 Pension Committee,
6:15 PM
- 8/19 Finance Committee,
7 PM
- 8/23 Library Board,
7 PM
- 8/24 Planning Commission,
7:30 PM
- 8/26 Vacant Property Review Board,
6:30 PM

NEWS & UPDATES

FREE FINANCIAL EDUCATION FOR ABINGTON RESIDENTS

Help us plan for our upcoming financial literacy programs by completing this short survey. We want your input on topics, formats, dates, and more. The survey closes August 31, 2021.

[Click here to take the survey!](#)

WELCOME BACK TO ABINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Click the image below to watch a video from the Abington Township Public Library welcoming you back to the building. You'll find some changes, but we're glad to see you again!



FOOD FOR FINES AT THE ABINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

From August 14 through August 28, 2021, the Abington Township Public Library is hosting Food For Fines, a food drive that offers community members an opportunity to donate food to lower their library fines. For each donated item, the Abington Township Public Library will waive the fine or fee on one item, up to \$10 each, for a total of up to \$50 in waived fines and fees on Abington items only. Items will be collected at Abington Free Library and the Roslyn Branch Library.

For library card holders with no overdue fees, the Library welcomes donations. Donated items will be given to the independently-run Inter-Faith Food Cupboard at 1250 Easton Road in Roslyn.

The items with the biggest need can be found at abingtonfreelibrary.org. Perishable, expired, beyond sell-by-date and homemade food items will not be accepted.

For more information, contact Library Director Elizabeth Fitzgerald at efitzgerald@mclinc.org.

FEEDBACK WANTED ON POLICE DEPARTMENT SURVEY

Your safety is our #1 priority! We want to hear your ideas, questions, concerns and feedback about how the Police Department can better serve you. Please consider taking a few minutes to complete our brief community survey by clicking the button below:

Click here to take survey!



REMINDER TO LOCK YOUR CAR

The Abington Police Department reminds everyone to LOCK YOUR CAR when leaving it parked on the street, in your driveway, or in a parking lot (especially at parks and gyms where thieves know you will be gone for a long time). Abington Township continues to experience MANY incidents of thieves stealing items from vehicles left unlocked. These incidents can be avoided if you lock your car. Also, DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN PLAIN VIEW. Thieves will break windows to grab wallets, purses, etc. Secure these items in your trunk. Thank you!

READ THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S NEWSLETTER

Please read the [August issue of A.T.F.D. Responding](#) to learn about:

- The accomplishments of recently retired Abington Township Fire Department Fire Services Administrator David Schramm.
- The [A.T.F.D.'s new website](#)
- The many hours that volunteers from Abington, McKinley, Weldon, Edge Hill, and Roslyn fire companies dedicated to our community in 2020.
- How YOU can [become a volunteer firefighter](#).



NEW PARKS FACILITIES INTERACTIVE WEB MAP

An interactive web map has been developed for residents to search for township park facilities based on amenities and location. Check it out below!

[Click here to find a park near you!](#)

For more news, please visit our website at www.abingtonpa.gov.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

MONDAY, AUGUST 2
5 PM - 9M

"An evening of fun for the whole family." National Night Out will be held on Monday, August 2, 2021, at the Target parking lot, 1494 Old York Rd. from 5 PM - 9 PM (Rain Date August 3).

[More Info](#)



SUMMER YOUTH MEAL PROGRAM

ENDS ON AUGUST 13
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM, M-F

Parents, guardians, and kids can come pick up a nutritious free lunch each weekday for any child 18 years of age or younger (no ID needed). The program operates Monday through Friday, during the hours of 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Crestmont Park (2595 Rubicam Avenue, Willow Grove, PA 19090).

[More Info](#)



MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 -

Raya and the Last Dragon
SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 -
The Jungle Book
Movies begin at 7 PM

The Parks and Recreation Department will be holding two outdoor movies nights on August 12 and August 21 at 7 PM at Alverthorpe Park. Drinks and snacks will be available to purchase.

More Info

For a full list of programs and events, please visit our calendar at www.abingtonpa.gov/calendar.

TIP OF THE MONTH



LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Did you know we have several boards, commissions, committees, and councils that are dedicated to serving our community? These groups are comprised of Abington residents who are appointed and/or volunteer and meet monthly to discuss items relevant to their mission. All meetings are public and agendas are posted at www.abingtonpa.gov/agendas. All are encouraged to attend meetings, learn what each group is working on, and participate! Our community members often have extensive knowledge and/or experience in many of the topics being discussed. Several groups also hold regular events and offer opportunities to volunteer!

Learn more!

SPOTLIGHT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT POWER OUTAGES FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Abington Township Emergency Management’s role during (and after) large storms is to collect information about emergencies, power outages and road closures to coordinate with our Police, Fire, EMS, Public Works Departments and PECO to respond as quickly and safely as possible to address the emergencies, get the roads open and the power restored. It is important to understand, however, that the power restoration process is controlled solely by PECO with regard to prioritizing each outage.

During a power outage, the two most important things that a resident needs to know is:

1. Do not touch any downed wires. Treat all downed wires as live wires, even if you think it is “just” a cable or Verizon line, it could be electrified from a downed power line further away. If there is a threat to life safety, call 911 immediately.
2. Report all outages to PECO directly by phone at 1-800-841-4141; online at www.peco.com/outages; or on their mobile app, available in the Apple and Android app stores. This is the fastest and most efficient way to get on the restoration list, and they will provide updates, including Estimated Times of Restoration (ETR) as they become available.

Once the storm passes, then the restoration process begins. Generally, the way that PECO prioritizes their response is:

1. Immediate Life Threatening Emergencies, such as a live power line down on an occupied vehicle.
2. Major Roads – PECO will work to get the major roads open as quickly as possible to allow movement of emergency vehicles and additional power crews.
 1. It should be noted that Abington Public Works Department works to open any road where there is no power lines involved as quickly as possible.
3. Critical Infrastructure, such as hospitals, nursing homes, Wastewater Treatment Plants and Pumping Stations.
4. Residential outages and secondary roads. Residential outages are not cleared in the order that they were reported to PECO, they are cleared from largest to smallest in order to get as many homes restored as quickly as possible. This is why it is imperative to report your outage directly to PECO so that they know how large of an outage is involved in order to prioritize it.

RECEIVE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS - REGISTER TODAY FOR READYMONTCO!

Emergencies and disasters strike quickly and often without warning, as evidenced by our recent storms. They can disrupt our lives, force us to leave our homes, or even confine us for days without essential services such as electricity, phones, or water. How ready are you and your family?

One thing you can do to prepare is register for the [Ready Montco](#) notification system:

- Receive emergency, community, weather and crime notifications
- User’s choose their preferred delivery methods - text message, email, smartphone app and/or voice call to your mobile devices and land line phone
- Messages can be targeted by geographical area (such as residents living in flood prone areas or on snow emergency routes) or a person’s special needs.

Please take a minute to register yourself and family members for this important service by clicking the button below!

[Click here to register!](#)



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Refuse Division	publicworks@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1034
Wastewater	AbingtonWWUD@abingtonpa.gov	215.886.0934
Code Enforcement	codeenforcement@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1000 ext. 4
Tax Office	jblumenthal@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1024
Traffic Safety	trafficsafety@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1100
Potholes	potholes@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1034
Fire Services	firemarshal@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1055
Parks & Recreation	parksinfo@abingtonpa.gov	215.576.5213

IMPORTANT LINKS

[Township Website](#)

[Applications & Forms](#)

[Police Department](#)

[Employment Opportunities](#)

[Trash Collection & Recycling](#)

[Fire Department](#)

[Parks & Recreation](#)

[Large Item Pick Up](#)

[Contact Us & Location](#)

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